

Stock, Shares, and Money.

THE INTERCOLONIAL INVESTMENT, LAND, AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

DEPOSIT BANK,

96, BATHURST-STREET,

SYDNEY.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT.

DIRECTORS:

W. MCROBBIE, M.L.A., Chairman.

THOR. TATE, J. T. LAWLER, G. DIXON, R. J. BRANDON, J.P.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £50,000; PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,000; RESERVE FUND, £9400.

UNCALLED CAPITAL RESERVE, £14,000.

TOTAL RESERVE, £55,000.

DEPOSITS RECEIVED AT CALL OR FOR A FIXED PERIOD,

At call, or for a period of twelve months.

SIX MONTHS, 6 per cent.

AT CALL, Withdrawable Without Notice, 5 per cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS may be opened, operated by Cheque, receiving interest on daily balance.

The careful management and sound position of the Company is increasing its popularity amongst depositors and investors.

The deposits received during the year being £31,201, as against £13,201 in 1887, and £27,075 in 1886.

The Directors have had the Company's Properties in New South Wales valued by Messrs. Richardson and Wrench, who estimate their value at considerably more than the amount set against them.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE:

Having examined the valuation made by Messrs. Richardson and Wrench of your New South Wales properties, we certify that the properties referred to are the properties standing in your books on 1st October.

We are pleased you have adopted our suggestion as to a periodical re-valuation, and have to congratulate you upon the result, which must prove satisfactory to yourselves and to the shareholders, as showing the value of your Company.

MCULLER and ROBERTSON, Public Accountants.

BALANCE-SHEET.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1888.

Dr.	LIABILITIES.	Credit.
To Subscribers	£600,000 0 0	
Capital	43,884 10 8	£17,065 0 8
Deposits Received on Deposits	52,232 7 10	
Bank Accrued on Deposits	491 1 7	
Bonds & Credits	16,830 10 8	
Balances of S. W.	1,639 10 8	
Unclaimed Dividend	16 10 1	
Balance of Reserve Accounts	8,000 0 0	
Reserve Fund	8,000 0 0	
Balance of Profit	476,801 9 5	3,191 3 9
	479,003 13 2	
		£75,000 13 2

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

By Amounts owing by	ASSETS.	Cr.
Bankers	61,874 12 7	
Properties and Land	53,501 14 8	
Sundry Debtors	32,605 3 0	
Office Furniture	319 1 0	
Cash on Hand	301 0 7	
	479,003 13 2	

For particulars apply to ROBERT W. CONWAY, Manager.

TIME ADVERTISING AND COMMUNICATIONS.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

LOANS, DEBTS, AND TAXES.

DIRECTORS' FEES FOR 1887-88.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON BONDS.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CREDITS.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DIVIDENDS.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON PROFIT.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON PURCHASES.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON

SUMMARY OF NEWS FOR EUROPE, PER ORIENT COMPANY'S STEAMER ORIENT.

POLITICAL.

The Legislative Assembly stands adjourned to Tuesday next. Sir Henry Parkes is seeking recreation in Melbourne, and at the present moment there is no public question of any importance agitating the minds of the people. Immediately before Parliament rose for the Christmas holidays there was a renewal of an attempt made a few weeks ago to throw discredit upon the Government in relation to the employment by the Government of some of the "unemployed" in doing work which would increase the value of a private estate owned by the Hon. J. F. Burns (Colonial Treasurer). Mr. R. Burdett Smith, M.L.A., and Mr. George Withers, M.L.A., The specific charge made against Mr. Burns and his two friends is that, notwithstanding the sale of land in which they were interested, they secured an expenditure of public money in making roads through their lands, thereby giving their property a much greater value than it would otherwise have had. The matter had been investigated by a select committee appointed by the House, but the members of the committee were divided in their opinion as to the precise character of the report they should bring up. Mr. Thomas Walker, M.L.A., who was chairman of the select committee, solved the difficulty which beset the other members of the committee by giving his casting vote in favour of a report which was intended to be very damaging to the Government. A discussion which has taken place in the Assembly showed that the investigation had not been quite so complete as it should have been, and has had the effect of depriving the report of some of the power it might otherwise have had. Immediately prior to the adjournment the Assembly bestowed further consideration upon the estimates. Only two reductions of any importance were effected. The chief of these, which was in the Attorney-General's department, was the reduction of "fees of prosecuting barristers" from £200 to £150, the amount voted for last year. The estimates for the Department of Lands, which showed an actual reduction of £70,000 were accepted by the House, and Mr. Brunner, the new Minister, was congratulated by Mr. J. P. Abbott on the preparation of his estimates. The investigation into charges against Mr. Fenton, one of the Railway Commissioners, has been completed, the result being that the gentleman named has been fully exonerated from participation in conduct in the slightest degree dishonourable. A few days ago Mr. Fenton received a letter from the Government informing him that his character as a man of integrity and honour was fully vindicated. It is said, however, that the case will be renewed when Parliament meets.

SOCIAL.

The residents of Sydney have, during the past fortnight, well maintained their reputation for indulging in festivity. The great festivals of Christmas and New Year were, as usual, signalled as seasons for general rejoicing, and so numerous were the pleasure-seekers that trains, trams, and steamers were taxed beyond their normal capacity. On Christmas day services were held in the Anglican and Roman churches, large congregations attending St. Andrew's and St. Mary's Cathedrals. Again, on New Year's Eve, a special "Watch-night" service was held at almost every place of worship, and the entry upon the new year was accompanied by the flight of rockets from all parts of the city and suburbs with a shrill chorus of whistles, in which most of the steamer lying in the harbour joined. There has been the usual round of Christmas entertainments and social gatherings. Lord and Lady Carrington, with their family and suite, have been spending Christmas at their country residence, Moss Vale. It has been announced that Lord Carrington intends to relinquish the governorship of the colony at the expiration of five years' term of office. Sir Henry Parkes, the Premier, has gone on a brief visit to Melbourne.

RELIGIOUS.

During the past fortnight we have been visited by the well-known Baptist preacher, Dr. A. McLaren. On December 20 he preached in the Pitt-street Congregational Church, which had been placed at the disposal of the Baptist Union of New South Wales for the occasion. The congregation was a very large one, including a number of clergymen of various denominations. The following day Dr. McLaren left Sydney for New Zealand. As usual at Christmas time special grand services were held on Christmas day in the principal churches. At St. Mary's Cathedral Cardinal Moran presided at High Mass. A strong choir, with the aid of organ and orchestra, performed "Mozart's 12th Mass." High Mass was also celebrated at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, and "Haydn's 6th Mass" was performed by a choir of 40 voices, with accompaniment of organ and orchestra. At St. Andrew's Cathedral, as well as at the other Anglican churches of the diocese special services were held. The sermon at the morning service at St. Andrew's Cathedral was preached by the Primate. The choir rendered selections from various oratorios and arias. Special services were also held in the Wesleyan churches. Services of thanksgiving for rain were held on Sunday at the mass of the churches. The Primate announced at a recent meeting of the synod that since he had stated his intention of resigning his position here that he had received by cable an offer of the position of assistant to the Bishop of Rochester, and this post, though not a permanent one, he had resolved to accept. The Primate has written a letter to the *Sydney Morning Herald* denying the report which appeared in the *Pall Mall Gazette* that the cause of his resignation was due to some difference in the church concerning the revedos, and confirmed his previous statement that the sole cause was the state of his wife's health.

PUBLIC WORKS.

There is nothing of importance to record in connection with the public works or public works. Tenders have been called by the Government for the construction of 24 single-track trains. At the invitation of the inhabitants of Warratah, the Premier, accompanied by the Minister for Justice, visited that town and laid the foundation-stone of a School of Arts which is now being erected there.

LEGAL.

The case of Louisa Collins, who was recently convicted of the murder of her husband, was brought under the notice of the Full Court on the 28th ultimo with a view to testing the conviction quashed. As no points were reserved at the trial, the Court was appealed to upon what is technically known as a motion for a "writ of error," and the grounds stated were that evidence was improperly admitted of the death by arsenical poisoning, of the prisoner's first husband, and that during the trial a telegram was handed to the juryman, which was not first opened and read by the Chief Justice who presided. After a considerable amount of discussion as to whether the first ground could be legally submitted, Mr. Rogers, Q.C., leading counsel for the prisoner, withdrew it. Mr. Rogers then maintained that the telegram was handed to the juryman without the knowledge of the Judge, it was an irregularity upon which the Bench might expound an opinion. Their Honors, however, were unanimously of opinion that, even admitting the irregularity, it was one which could not possibly have affected the verdict, and they therefore refused the application, at the same time

expressing their conviction that no case against a prisoner could have been clearer.

MUNICIPAL.

The nomination in connection with the election of an alderman for Fitzroy Ward, in place of Mr. Steele, resulted in Mr. William Hughes, J.P., being elected unopposed. The salaries of the officers connected with the City Council have been revised for the ensuing year. No increases or reductions of any importance have been made.

BOTANICAL.

The obituary of the fortnight includes the decease of Mr. John Richardson, for many years a member of the Legislative Council, and Mr. Arthur Francis Carnow, a rising solicitor. Mr. John Richardson died at his residence in Armidale, at the ripe age of 78 years. He was born in Fifeshire, Scotland, in the year 1810, and was the son of a Presbyterian minister. Mr. Richardson first went into Parliament in the old Legislative Council as representative of Stanley, in what is now Queensland, and afterwards of Port Essington, consisting of North and South Brisbane, Keppel Point, and Innisfail. In September, 1868, he was appointed to the Legislative Council, of which body he remained a member until two years ago. For many years Mr. Richardson had been the head of a large commercial firm in Armidale, and for about 40 years was a magistrate of the territory. Mr. A. F. Carnow, the son of Mr. William Carnow, was but 23 years of age, and his death arose from an attack of typhoid fever. By profession he was a solicitor, having passed a very successful examination and was admitted to the Supreme Court about six months ago. Had he lived, it was the intention of Dr. G. J. Sly, in whose employ he was, to take him into partnership. Already he had given promise of great ability and success in his life-work, and was much esteemed for his many manly virtues and high character. He was a Sydney Grammar School Boy, and had matriculated at the Sydney University.

SPORTING.

The midsummer holidays have always been popular racing fixtures, and those that have just ended were no exception to the rule, for during the past 10 days no less than 100 race meetings have been held in this colony. The Australian Jockey Club opened their gates at Randwick on Boxing Day, when an interesting programme, comprising seven events, attracted a representative gathering of 18,000 persons to the metropolitan course, on which great improvements have been made during the last six months. The paddock reserve has been increased to double its original size by extending the northern fence. A small entrance has been formed at the Randwick side of the track, with two carriage drives and a raised asphalt footpath leading to the different reserves, and immediately opposite the gates a new platform has been erected in the framing. A range of buildings extends along the eastern and northern sides of the salting paddock, providing accommodation for 60 horses, as well as a well-appointed casualty-room, lavatories, latrines, &c. The management also intend to make extensive additions to the grand and St. Leger stands at an early date, and with other contemplated improvements the Randwick racecourse bids fair to rank among the best racetracks in the world. The racing on Boxing Day was of a high-class character, and excited keen interest throughout. The Hon. James White opened the day by securing the Flying Handicaps, 6 furlongs, from a field of 15 with the two-year-old gelding Sincere, by Martin-Hill. —The St. Leger, 7f., the yearling having been neared in 1 minute 41 seconds, and followed in his success by the Hon. Sir Charles and Cinnamom, who carried 7st. 9lb. over 7f. 7lb. won the Hinde Stakes 2 miles; and the distance in 1 minute 41 seconds, defeating 11 others. 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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—JANUARY 2.
Ranagh (s.), 560 tons, Captain W. Sinclair, from Rockhampton via Rockhampton, 31st ult., under command of Mr. T. J. White, Mrs. Smith and 2 children, Mrs. Rosenberg, Mrs. Norden, Mrs. T. J. White, Mr. Beckwith, Mrs. O'Connell, Mr. Lupton, Miss A. McMillan, Miss M. Miller, Mrs. McMillan, Miss K. McMillan, Miss Hughes, Messrs. Henderson, Webster, Stephen Finch, Guinness, Scott, Black, Tuck, & Beaver, Wm. H. G. Smith, Mr. Lupton, Dr. Davis, Masters Hancock and McMillan, and 24 in the steerage. Burne, Philip, and Co., agents.

Lentz (s.), Captain C. Saunders, from Noumea, suva, and Levuka. Passengers—Mrs. J. Waring, Mrs. P. G. Waring, and 3 in the steerage. Burne, Philip, and Co., agents.

Grecian (s.), schooner, 216 tons, Captain Borrell, from Mersea, Dec 22nd. Kanti Timor, 150 tons, Captain L. Blaauw, from the Solomon Group December 18. Passengers—Captain Cable, and the crew of the wrecked schooner Laysan, of Sydney. John D. Hart, 100 tons, Captain Hart, from Port Moresby, H.M.S. *Hart*, 40 tons, Lieutenant and Commander Field, from Louisiada Archipelago December 18, via Townsville, Queensland.

Aberlone (s.), 40 tons, Captain Walker, from Eden, instant. Passengers—Mrs. Foxley, Mrs. Dwyer, Mrs. Hart, and 2 others. Passages—Port Moresby, Helen Royal Inn, barque, for Newcastle; Spiritif, for Townsville.

DEPARTURES.—JANUARY 2.

Ryno, schooner for Auckland via Newcastle.

Marmont (s.), for Melbourne.

Thistle (s.), for Brisbane and ports.

Katzenbach (s.), for Brisbane and ports.

Rodondo (s.), for Brisbane and ports.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—JANUARY 3.

Saller (s.), for Fremantle, via ports; Wakatobi (s.), for Wellington and ports; Mercury (s.), for Sydney; and 2 others.

Albion (s.), 100 tons, Captain Walker, from Eden, instant.

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CURRENT LITERATURE.

The last of the series of "Twelve English Statesmen" to hand from Messrs. Macmillan and Co., London, is the biography of Henry II., the first of the Plantagenets, and the lady to whom the preparation of this life had been entrusted has carried out her work in the spirit and style of a historian. It may be true that this latest is intended for popular reading rather than for the use of historical students, since authors are not quoted; but there is abundant internal evidence to show that in the case of the author this has been no pretext for slopped work. The result is a very readable, and none the less a very reliable sketch of the vigorous character of the great Plantagenet, and of his work in moulding the forms of justice and regulating the policy of the realm of England. There is an added interest in the book since it pictures so vividly the myriad personal duties of the sovereign in those early times. But most readers will find their attention fastened more particularly, on the relations between King Henry and the Church and the tragedy of Thomas à Becket. The fortunes of the Church are followed closely, intimately connected as they were with the secular affairs of England and the history of the Constitution and Ascendancy of Clarence wrought out in the course of the narrative. But it's too bad to fall into the trap of interest, and allow mention of them all. The life of Henry II. is in many ways full of incident, and moulded the fortunes of many a man. Suffice it to say that the reader will find himself more than repaid for a careful reading of this concise, yet comprehensive sketch of the life of Henry II.

"The Astounding History of the Town," by "Q." (Gaskell and Co., London, Paris, New York, and Melbourne), is a decided acquisition to lovers of the quaint and humorous in the story-telling line. There is a flavour of Dickens about the manner and character drawing of the book, yet there is originality both in plot and per one sufficient to fix the interest of the reader. To outline the story would damage its effect rather, but it may be said that the scene is laid in a small seaport town, the characteristics of which as old nurses would express it, "favour" North Devon. The original simplicity of its society is amusingly contrasted with its subsequent condition when corrupted by the introduction of certain fashionable society. The gams of the book are certain twin brothers, Peter and Paul, and the sketch of their sister, T. Minin, to whom they are both utterly devoted is equally charming. Caleb, a faithful valet, is a West country Sam Weller and revels in stories more marvellous than credible. But the characters deserve study in the original, and to catalogue them would be to spoil the fun. That the book is an idle history "Troy Town," and if the time-honoured signs on their hands, the sign is more indicative of their own way of sympathy with the humorous than of any dullness in the clever and occasionally brilliant "Q."

LITERARY NOTES.

From English contemporaries we take the following extracts:

Mr. J. C. Nimmer's issue of Captain Grosvenor's "Reminiscences and Recollections," as an addition to *Le Dix* has proved a success. Some days ago some few copies were left, but these doubtless have been taken up. The book is finely illustrated, and gives a good account of the author's life in the Royal Society for His Service, 1810-60. It presents a view of the first dredge at a dock; describes habitudes of White's in 1814, pillars of the opera, and dandies of those days, when Beau Brummell was in 1820, and when he became in the Park in 1820.

M. Jules Verne, the editor of Victor Hugo's literary remains, proposes to cut the correspondence down to a single volume. The other volumes will contain Hugo's travels in England, Belgium, Holland, and Spain; a metaphysical treatise (*Essai d'Explication*); and a number of articles, including a satire on the Second Empire. "Le Aracide Funeste."

Italy has her realists, and chief amongst them is Mario Preti; but he is far from one of the more notorious marks of Zolaism. He is writing a study of the Tyrrhenian Sea, "a study on the influence of the sea on the character exercised by the neighbourhood of a large town."

Madame de Lieven's correspondence with the late Lord Granville (*says Truth*) is not at Stafford House, but the late's correspondence with the first Earl Grey is there. The present Earl Grey, however, objects to its being published.

"William Lamb's Wife" is the crass title of an article in one of the magazines about Lady Caroline Lamb, of whom by far the best accounts are to be found in "Vivian Grey" and "Venetia." She figures in the former, and Mrs. Felix Lorraine, and in the latter, as Lady Montague.

The book of the week (*says the Pall Mall Gazette*, November 18), from the point of view of the libraries, is undoubtedly Mr. Russell Rodde's "Life of the Emperor Frederick," by Mr. Ainsworth. "Fritz" was last year written up in the *Illustrated London News* as a masterpiece, and it is still a masterpiece reader will be prepared to find that the life is written with excellent taste and literary skill, qualities which are also conspicuous. I may add, in the Empress Victoria's introduction. Nevertheless, the book is a whole. The life of the Emperor, the services of the Crown Prince and Prinz IX., and the note taken at the Jubilee, are the only new matter of interest which I have noticed in the book. The rest of it is a graceful presentation of traits already familiar, and incidents recorded.

Miss Moss Card has written a new novel, which will be published by Messrs. Trubner.

Mr. Zola's next book will be quite different, he says, from any of his previous works, and developing the history of a man's life, "an effort to produce something with powerful dramatic interest."

Mr. Firth's fresh volume of "Reminiscences" is only kept back for the illustrations, which have not yet arrived.

A new feature is about to be made by the *Graphic*. This is the publication of a penny illustrated weekly, bearing the same relation to the present newspaper as the *Penny Illustrated* does to the *Illustrated London News*.

"The Epic of Hades" has reached its twenty-third thousand; the "Songs of Two Worlds" has passed through thirteen editions.

Zolaism is not persecuted in England, says "Le Dix." There has been practised in the United States in applying the name of the Scrivener of the Treasury, an American arbitrator of taste and morality (*says St. James's Gazette*) a recent development in the native manufacture of erotic novels which has reached a point of such an intensity that it can hardly be denied.

The library at Harrowden (*says the Pall Mall Gazette*) contains the first three volumes in the collection. It consists of more than 20,000 volumes, and considerable curiosity exists as to what Mr. Gladstone intends to do with this collection of books after his death, which every one hopes will be a large edition of the social life of the British character. The author's name and date of birth, which was given in the first volume, was not, however, mentioned.

Mr. Gladstone allows his books to be lent out to almost anyone in the neighbourhood who wishes to read them. At one time this liberty was unlimited; anyone could take them, and keep them as long as he pleased, provided that he signed a letter of acknowledgement of having borrowed the book. This privilege was so much abused by some persons that a few years ago a rule was laid down limiting the time for which a book might be loaned to one month. With that exception, the Harrowden Library is still the free loan library of the country-side.

Iceland has lost one of her most interesting figures in the person of Dr. Jon Arnason, of Reykjavik, whose death is announced in the *Illustrated London News*. He had been for many years keeper of the Public Library of Iceland, which largely developed in his hands, and now contains nearly 30,000 volumes.

A contribution to the history of Goethe's literature is to be issued shortly under the title of "Goethe's Graphic." The work, which will be published in parts, will consist of a chronologically arranged collection of all the authentic conversations and utterances of the poet.

The well-known *Goethe's Graphic*, edited by Bidermann, is to make its appearance in the compilation.

"Christmas Poxy," illustrated by Mr. Walter Crane, is to be published by Messrs. Macmillan and Co.

On January 1 will be published the first number of the *Indian Reading Guild Journal*, a monthly serial, under the editorial control of Mr. Wm. Marwick, of Arbroath, N.B., and an editorial committee, the main object of the publication being to extend the influence of the Ruskin Reading Guild, of which it will be the organ.

REVENUE, RECEIPTS, AND EXPENDITURE.

From a supplement to the *Government Gazette* published yesterday we copy the following abstracts of revenue and receipts and expenditure on account of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Old Loans Fund, and Colonial Loan Account, Trust Fund Accounts, and the Colonial Treasurer's, Master-in-Equity and Master-in-Law Accounts, of the Government of New South Wales, for the quarter and year ended 31st December, 1888.

The total of the Ledger Balances on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Old Loans Account, General Law Account, Trust Fund Accounts, and the Colonial Treasurer's Master-in-Equity and Master-in-Law Accounts, of the Government of New South Wales, on the 31st December, 1888, were as follows:—

On Sept. 30, On Dec. 31, 1888.
£5,665.763 £6,850,074

Less Debit Balance Consolidated Revenue Fund... £2,086,555 £2,481,359

The following was the distribution of the balance, 31st December, 1888:—

Cash in the hands of the Receiver... £23,411 Total Accrued Bank, Sydney... 1,246,011 Public Account (at date of the latest advice)... 8,069,704

Total Cash Balance Securities... 5,092,132

Total Cash and Securities... £6,661,359

Comparative Statement of Revenue and Receipts on account of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the General Loans Fund, and the Colonial Treasurer's Master-in-Equity and Master-in-Law Accounts, of the Government of New South Wales, during the quarters and years ended 31st December, 1887, and 31st December, 1888, respectively:—

Quarter ended 31st Dec. 1887 Quarter ended 31st Dec. 1888 Year ended 31st Dec. 1888

REVENUE PROPER TAXATION: Customs:—

Portuguese Wine... 219,124 £193,093

Alc and Beer... 12,982 13,038

Wines... 20,607 14,337

Cigars... 50,279 51,514

Tea &c... 31,504 31,251

Chloro... 2,304 2,376

Sugar & S... 34,832 35,858

Opium... 4,200 5,338

Rice... 4,903 5,729

Other Fruits... 22,425 21,167

Malt... 500

Hops... 7,345

Adv. & Alcolem... 621 226

Specific Duties:—

Wholesaler's Royalties... 93,048 160,533

House, 20 Vols... 2,152

No. 21 Goods in Queen's Warehouses, &c... 25 95

Total Customs... £466,041

Excise:—

Alc. Beer, & Porter... 535,584

Duty on Spirits in the Colony... 2,316

Duty on Tobacco... 5,417

Licenses... 276

Total Excise... £71,064

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Wholesale Spirit Dealers and Brewers... 2,056

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THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1889.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.
The revenue returns for the past quarter and year were published in a supplement to the Government Gazette, that evening. For the quarter the taxation revenue amounted to £675,237, an increase of £7750 on the total for the corresponding quarter of 1887. The Customs revenue amounted to £471,014, a decrease of £50,267, the principal items showing a decrease being—tea £10,152, and spirits £5031. The revenue from specific duties was £2,482, more than in the last quarter of 1887. The total of the quarter's excise was £68,452, a decrease of £3512. The stamp revenue, amounting to £116,036, was £23,088 in excess of the figures of the corresponding quarter of 1887. Licences yielded £19,114, an increase of £1422. The quarter's land revenue was £2556,674, a decrease of £27,275. The receipts for services rendered totalled £1,153,329, an increase of £91,100. Of this amount £745 was railway revenue, which was £50,100 in excess of the total for the last quarter of 1887. The general miscellaneous receipts were £73,784, a decrease of £33,207. The total revenue proper for the quarter was £6,458,667, a decrease of £197,884 on the amount for the last quarter of 1887. The year's revenue amounted to £68,850,360, which represents an increase of £303,350 on the revenue for 1887. Taxation yielded £2,682,143, an increase of £17,595; land revenue, £2,208,249, a decrease of £110,642. Receipts for services rendered totalled £3,064,72, an increase of £10,200.

PRODUCE MARKET.—WEDNESDAY.
The market at Darling Harbour yesterday was very quiet. The supply of force meat was said to be abundant, and the price, 1/- per lb. The demand for services rendered totalled £1,153,329, an increase of £91,100. Of this amount £745 was railway revenue, which was £50,100 in excess of the total for the last quarter of 1887. The general miscellaneous receipts were £73,784, a decrease of £33,207. The total revenue proper for the quarter was £6,458,667, a decrease of £197,884 on the amount for the last quarter of 1887. The year's revenue amounted to £68,850,360, which represents an increase of £303,350 on the revenue for 1887. Taxation yielded £2,682,143, an increase of £17,595; land revenue, £2,208,249, a decrease of £110,642. Receipts for services rendered totalled £3,064,72, an increase of £10,200.

KANGAROO SKIN SALE.

John Bridge reports a brisk trade in skins, all of which were placed at an advance on late rates. He obtained four large, to sell for £100, 2/- to 3/- per medium, and 1/- to 2/- per small. Small 2d to 6d. Wallaby, large 2d to 1d, small ditto 2d to 4d. -wamp ditto 3d to 6d. -bearskins, 8d to 1/-; possums, 2d to 4d per dozen. —[A.M.W.]

OPPOSUM SKIN SALE.

John Bridge reports a brisk trade for all descriptions. A cleared possum skin, 1/- per dozen, 1/- per pair, 1/- per single. Four pairs, 2d to 3d. -bear, 2d to 4d. -wallaby, 1/- to 2d. -small, 4d to 6d. -very small, 2d to 4d. -bear rump, 2d to 4d. -small, 2d to 4d. -furred, 2d to 4d. -furless, 2d to 4d. -A.M.W.

TIME DIAL.

Drop 1 m. Sydney mean time; 2d. 5m. 1m. a.m. Greenwich mean time.

SYDNEY OBSERVATORY.

LATITUDE 33° 41' 41" S. LONGITUDE 151° 46' 50" E.
MAGNETIC Variation, 8° 57' 37" E.
Annual average rainfall for 29 years
Average for 31 years from January 1 to November 30, 1888
Total rainfall from January 1 to December 31, 1888
Barometers corrected to 32 Fah. and Mean Sea Level

14-16

Fine, s. (Cloudy
wind W.
T. storm.) Wind E.
When east the symbol is used without the arrow.
Hazy sea.
Very heavy sea.

Curve showing state of Barometer.

TIME DIAL.

Drop 1 m. Sydney mean time; 2d. 5m. 1m. a.m. Greenwich mean time.

SYDNEY STANDARD BAROMETER AT 9 A.M. ON 28 INCHES.

Stations. Wt Mx M Rn. Stations. Wt Mx M Rn. Stations. Wt Mx M Rn. Stations. Wt Mx M Rn.

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Armidale... 6 99 61 00 Cudgelico... b 95 73 00 Queanbeyan... b 95 70 00

Bathurst... 6 99 63 00 Deniliquin... b 95 70 00 Narrabeen... b 95 70 00

Bendigo... b 97 58 00 Eden... b 95 70 00 Nepean... b 95 70 00

Boddalla... b 97 66 00 Eurob... b 95 70 00 North Sydney... b 95 70 00

Bogong... b 95 67 00 Goulburn... b 95 70 00 Mount Hope... b 95 69 00

Bowral... b 95 61 00 Grampians... b 95 70 00 Mount Victoria... b 95 69 00

Bundanoon... b 95 61 00 Grampians... b 95 70 00 Mullumbimby... b 95 70 00

Cairns... b 95 62 00 Grampians... b 95 70 00 Murwillumbah... b 95 70 00

Capse St. George... b 97 66 00 Grampians... b 95 70 00 Orange... b 95 70 00

Carnar... b 95 73 00 Grampians... b 95 70 00 Orange... b 95 70 00

Castl... b 95 82 00 Guru... b 95 70 00 Orange... b 95 70 00

Clare... b 95 70 00 Guru... b 95 70 00 Orange... b 95 70 00

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